

Rep. John Barrow Announces his Military Academy Nomination Advisory Committee

Washington, DC – As the 2005 application deadline for America's five military service academies approaches, Georgia's 12th District Congressman John Barrow today officially unveiled his Military Academy Nomination Advisory Committee. The committee, consisting of over 20 leaders from across eastern Georgia, will work with Barrow to evaluate and select those service academy applicants from around the region who will receive a congressional nomination.

"Being nominated to one of our nation's service academies is an honor awarded to America's best and brightest," Barrow said. "These are individuals whose desire to serve our country is as strong as their commitment to their own community. I formed this committee to help make sure that the applicants I have the opportunity to nominate reflect the long standing ideals and strength of character that matter to folks at home in Georgia."

"The members of this advisory committee may come from different backgrounds and different professions, but together they represent the values of eastern Georgia," Barrow continued. "I'm honored that they've volunteered their time to take part in the selection process, and I look forward to working with them over the next few months."

Members of Barrow's Military Academy Nomination Advisory Committee include:

Otis Brock
Employee of the Chatham County Board of Education

Renee Brown
Taliaferro County Superintendent of Schools

Gene Buttle
Vice President of Legislative Affairs with the Savannah Council of the Navy League, served in the U.S. Army

Curt Cisrow
Retired Veteran and Community Leader from Athens, Georgia

Greg Coursey
Burke County Sheriff

Rev. Samuel Duggan
Chairman of the Hancock County Commission

Ed Feiler
Savannah Business Owner, Retired U.S. Navy

Rhonda Graybeal
Small Business Owner and Community Leader from Augusta

Dr. Lowell M. Greenbaum, Ph.D.

Augusta Community Leader, retired Professor of Pharmacology, first ever Vice President for Research, and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the Medical College of Georgia

Mayor Floyd Griffin
Current Mayor of Milledgeville, former Georgia State Senator, retired U.S. Army Colonel, Businessman

Dr. Bruce Grube
President of Georgia Southern University

Janet Hicks
Recently retired Commanding Officer of Fort Gordon

Gardner Hobbs
Former Chairman of the Jefferson County Commission

Captain George Huban
Former Commanding Officer of the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens

Edna Jackson
Current At-Large Savannah City Council Member, retired Savannah State University

Mayor Otis Johnson, Ph.D.
Current Mayor of Savannah, former Chatham County school board member, retired Savannah State University

James Kendricks
CEO of Augusta Blueprint

Dr. Shirley Lewis
President of Paine College

Howard Morrison
Retired Savannah Business Owner and Community Leader

Mickie Moses
Attorney and Community Leader from Louisville, Georgia

Gussie Nease
Business Owner, Rincon City Council Member

Leland Sanders
Retired Military, Director of Manufacturing for Temcor in Rincon

Thom Tuckey
Former Fort Gordon Garrison Commander

Every member of Congress is permitted to nominate 10 individuals for each of the nation's service academies, which include the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not accept Congressional nominations.

Some of the criteria that will guide the committee's selection process include strength of character, a sound commitment to country and community, and demonstrated academic success.

Applications for a congressional nomination are available on Congressman Barrow's website, at: <http://www.barrow.house.gov/academynominations.asp>, or you can call his office at 866-890-6236. Because there must be adequate time to assess each candidate's qualifications, the application deadline is November 1, 2005.

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